

REMARKS

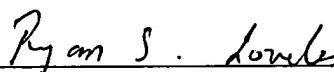
Of the twenty new claims, Claims 1, 9, and 17 are independent. Independent Claims 1 and 9 are varied in scope from the originally filed Claim 1 in the parent application (United States Application No. 10/255,357) and Claim 17 is varied in scope from the originally filed Claim 7 in the parent application (United States Application No. 10/255,357).

CONCLUSION

To the extent that any further fees, whatsoever, are required at any time during the prosecution of this application, including any petition and extension fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-3189 of Hunton & Williams (Dallas) and reference Attorney Docket No. 82274.92. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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